



BRIGADIER GENERAL JAMES E. RAINEY COMMANDANT, UNITED STATES ARMY INFANTRY SCHOOL

Brigadier General Rainey was commissioned as an Infantry Officer through ROTC at Eastern Kentucky University in 1987. He graduated from the Army Command and General Staff College and the Army War College. He earned Master's Degrees in Advanced Military Arts and Science from the School of Advanced Military Studies and in Public Administration from Troy University.

As a Lieutenant, Brigadier General Rainey served as a Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer in the 3rd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division and later as a Rifle Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer in the 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment. Following the Infantry Advanced Course, he commanded the Long Ranger Surveillance Detachment in the First Cavalry Division and Hotel Company, 3rd United States Infantry (The Old Guard). Brigadier General Rainey was then assigned as a Joint Chiefs of Staff Intern in Washington, D.C. His next assignments included Chief of Plans for the 2nd Infantry Division; Operations Officer for 1st Battalion, 9th Cavalry, and Executive Officer to the III Corps Commander. During Operation Iraqi Freedom I, he was a G-3 Operations Officer in the V Corps Assault Command Post. Following that, he was the Executive Officer of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division. He then commanded Task Force 2-7 CAV during Operation Iraqi Freedom II. Following battalion command, General Rainey served as the Chief of War on Terror Plans for U.S. European Command. He next served as the G-3 of the 4th Infantry Division and the Multi-National Division-Baghdad. Brigadier General Rainey commanded the 3-4 Heavy Brigade Combat Team at Fort Carson and in Iraq. After brigade command, he was a Senior Service College Fellow at the United States Army Fellow at the Korbel School of International Relations, Denver University. Following his fellowship, Brigadier General assumed responsibility as Director, Mission Command Center of Excellence. Prior to his arrival at Fort Benning, he served as the Deputy Commanding General, Regional Command-South, Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan. Brigadier General James E. Rainey assumed duties as the Infantry School Commandant and Chief of Infantry on 1 August 2014.

Brigadier General Rainey's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (two oak leaf clusters), Bronze Star (five oak leaf clusters), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (three oak leaf clusters), the Joint Service Commendation Medal (oak leaf cluster), the Presidential Unit Citation, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Senior Parachutist Badge, and the Ranger Tab.